

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF THE UTAH COUNTY COMMISSION **MARCH 9, 2015** IN THE COMMISSION CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE COUNTY BUILDING AT 152 EAST 100 NORTH, VERNAL, UTAH. MEETING COMMENCED AT 11:02 AM.

PARTICIPANTS: COMMISSIONERS BILL STRINGER, MICHAEL MCKEE, AND MARK RAYMOND.

ATTENDANCE: BECKY BILLINGS, ELAINE BUIST, JASON BLANKENAGEL, ED ZURBUCHEN, BRYAN MEIER, STEVEN SROKA, JC BREWER, ZEKE ATWOOD, HEATHER HOYT, CODY BULLOCK, WENDI LONG, MARY BERNARD, KIMBERLY KARREN, JEREMY RAYMOND, BARBARA SIMPER, BRENDA MCDONALD, KRISTEN BAUMGARTEN, AND JON STEARMER.

PRAYER GIVEN BY JEREMY RAYMOND

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY BRIAN MEIER

APPROVAL OF REGULAR COMMISSION MINUTES MARCH 2, 2015

APPROVAL OF SPECIAL COMMISSION MINUTES MARCH 3, 2015

WARRANTS DATED MARCH 5, 2015 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,206,386.16 WERE APPROVED AS PRESENTED. THE LARGE CHECK IN THIS SET OF WARRANTS IS FOR LAYTON CONSTRUCTION FOR \$3.3 MILLION. (2 MONTHS WORTH OF BILLING.)

COMMISSIONER STRINGER MOTIONED TO APPROVE. COMMISSIONER RAYMOND SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

TAX MATTERS – BARBARA SIMPER REQUESTING ABATEMENT OF \$2703.01 FOR 2013 YEAR. PARCEL 05:128:0183 THE REASON IS B.O.E. WITH STATE AND SUBJECT PROPERTY MEETS ELIGIBILITY.

COMMISSIONER RAYMOND MOTIONED TO APPROVE. COMMISSIONER STRINGER SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUSINESS LICENSES - NONE

CEMETERY CERTIFICATES – NONE

UINTAH FIRE SUPPRESSION SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT: 2014 UPDATE BY JEREMY RAYMOND. JEREMY SHOWED A POWER POINT PRESENTATION. TOTAL CALLS FOR THE YEAR: 421. TOTAL PUBLIC SERVICE HOURS (MAN HOURS) 1,476 AND TOTAL TRAINING HOURS 6,582 (VOLUNTEER AND SERVICE). CALL VOLUME DECREASED IN 2014. JENSEN IS WORKING HARD ON TRAINING AND DOES AN EXTRA QUICK RESPONSE MEDICAL TRAINING. MOST FIRE CALLS IN 2014 WERE FALSE ALARMS (33%) AND ARE GENERALLY NEW BUSINESSES WHOSE ALARMS ACCIDENTALLY GO OFF. FIRE DISTRICT BOARD HAS TALKED ABOUT CHARGING BUSINESSES FOR THESE FALSE ALARMS BECAUSE IT IS AN EXPENSE FOR THE COUNTY. THEY PROPOSED A FEE SCHEDULE BUT INSTEAD VISITED WITH THE MAIN SOURCE OF THE PROBLEM AND HAVE IT FIXED. THEY STARTED TRACKING THEIR FIRE INSPECTIONS IN 2013. IT IS A GOOD WAY TO KNOW THEY ARE OUT THERE CHECKING BUSINESSES. CAPITAL PROJECTS FOR 2014: ACQUIRED A RESCUE FIRE TRUCK. THEY HAVE MILITARY TRUCKS ON LOAN FOR ABOUT \$1.00 A YEAR. THEY ARE A GREAT ASSET. FUTURE PROJECTS FOR 2015: ASSISTING NAPLES CITY WITH BUILDING A NEW FIRE STATION. MAESER SUBSTATION. GOALS FOR 2015 INCLUDE FINISH TRAINING VOLUNTEERS INSPECTORS AND GET NEW FIREHOUSE INSPECTION SOFTWARE UP AND RUNNING; INSPECT EVERY EXISTING BUSINESS IN COUNTY. HE SHOWED THE PLANS FOR THE NEW MAESER SUBSTATION. HOPING TO START BUILDING SOMETIME IN JULY. HE SHOWED PLANS FOR THE NEW NAPLES STATION. THE SUPPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS IS APPRECIATED. THERE WILL BE A LOAN FOR THE NEW IMPROVEMENTS, BUT THE MAJORITY WILL BE PAID BY THE COUNTY AND THE GRANT RECEIVED. ED ZURBUCHEN ASKED HOW MANY LOANS ARE OUT. JEREMY ANSWERED THAT THE FIRE DISTRICT HAS ZERO DEBT. ED ASKED WHO WILL CARRY THE LOAN FOR MAESER. JEREMY STATED

HOPEFULLY IT WILL BE A GRANT AND THE COUNTY WILL MATCH. \$400,000 TOTAL COST. ALSO, FIRE DEPT CONTINUES TO TRY TO MAKE THE PUBLIC AWARE OF THE FIRE DANGERS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

ROAD DEPARTMENT TRUCK DONATION TO UBATC BY BRYAN MEIER. THEY WERE APPROACHED BY UBATC FOR EQUIPMENT FOR THEIR TRAINING PROGRAM. IN 2013 THE COUNTY HAD A 2004 SEMI TRACTOR WITH AN ENGINE GONE-NOT WORTH THE COST TO REPAIR. IT IS BEING USED FOR SCRAPS. IT WOULD BE GREAT FOR UBATC'S TRAINING PROGRAM. THEY WOULD ALLOW THE COUNTY TO KEEP CERTAIN PARTS. IT WOULD BE A GREAT TRAINING TOOL FOR THEM.

COMMISSIONER RAYMOND MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE DONATION. COMMISSIONER STRINGER SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:
CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS:**

1. CODY BULLOCK – REQUESTING A DECISION ON A CUP FOR A SAND BLASTING BUSINESS WITH OUTSIDE STORAGE, INCLUDING COMMERCIAL TRUCK PARKING FOR UP TO FOUR TRUCKS AND FOUR TRAILERS ON PROPERTY OWNED BY BULLOCK BLAST AND COAT INC, AT 8700 EAST 2800 SOUTH, JENSEN. SERIAL NUMBER 06:084:0050. THIS MATTER HAS BEEN BEFORE COMMISSIONERS A COUPLE TIMES BEFORE. OWNER IS PRESENT TODAY. COMMISSIONERS ARE FAMILIAR WITH THIS MATTER. TODD WALLIS FROM JENSEN FIRE DEPARTMENT TALKED WITH THE ENGINEER BUT HAS NOT SEEN A COPY OF THE PLANS YET. BULLOCK WILL EMAIL THE PLANS TO WALLIS. WALLIS SEEMS TO THINK THEY CAN WORK IT ALL OUT. THE BIGGEST ISSUE IS A HOLDING TANK FOR WATER FOR FIRE SUPPRESSION. THE SECOND ISSUE WAS THE EASEMENT. IT IS A GENERAL, STANDARD EASEMENT. THERE IS POSSIBLE PENDING LITIGATION ON A REZONE. THE COUNTY HAS NOT BEEN SERVED WITH ANY DOCUMENTS REGARDING THIS. IF THEY ADDRESS EVERYTHING IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S REVIEW, THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WILL BE FINE WITH IT.

COMMISSIONER STRINGER MOTIONED TO APPROVE BASED ON SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF FIRE DEPARTMENT REQUIREMENTS. COMMISSIONER RAYMOND SECONDED.

KIMBERLY KAREN OWNS THE ABUTTING PROPERTY. SHE IS CONCERNED ABOUT A COMMERCIAL BUSINESS, THE NOISE, TRAFFIC, AIRBORNE POLLUTANTS. SHE HAS SPOKEN WITH LEGAL COUNCIL. \$10,000.00 TO \$15,000.000 MAY BE REQUIRED TO TAKE ON THE COUNTY AND SHE DOESN'T HAVE THE MONEY. SHE HAS DECIDED TO NO LONGER PURSUE THIS. THERE ARE VALID REASONS WHY COMMERCIAL SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS. SHE APPRECIATES THE COMMISSIONERS TIME AND CONSIDERATION. JON STEARMER ASKED ABOUT ACCESS TO GET TO THE COUNTY ROAD. THERE IS A QUESTION IF THIS WILL INCREASE THE TRAFFIC. IT IS A 60 FOOT RIGHT OF WAY. THE MINIMUM REQUIRED FOR COMMERCIAL IS 24 FEET SO THIS IS PLENTY WIDE. THEY WILL NEED A ROAD ENCROACHMENT PERMIT. COMMISSIONER MCKEE APOLOGIZED TO KIMBERLY AND THANKED HER FOR HER THOUGHTS AND CONCERNS. KIMBERLY ASKED THE COMMISSIONERS TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE PEOPLE WHO WERE THERE FIRST AND THAT THEY HAVE AS MANY RIGHTS AS THE NEW PEOPLE COMING IN AND MAKING CHANGES. JEREMY RAYMOND COMMENTED THAT THE FIRE CODE HELPS ENSURE THE SAFETY OF THE PUBLIC AND THERE WILL BE ANNUAL INSPECTIONS.

COMMISSIONER MCKEE CALLED FOR A VOTE. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. BRANDON PETERSON – REQUESTING A DECISION ON AN ADMINISTRATIVE CUP FOR THE PARKING OF ONE COMMERCIAL VEHICLE AND TRAILER AT 1035 SOUTH 100 EAST, VERNAL. SERIAL NUMBER 05:057:0002. THIS HAS BEEN DENIED BY THE UTAH COUNTY PLANNING DIRECTOR. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IS LOOKING INTO REQUIREMENTS FOR TRUCK PARKING IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS. THESE STREETS ARE NARROWER THAN OTHER REQUESTS THAT HAVE BEEN REJECTED. THERE ARE LESS HOMES, THOUGH. BEFORE DECISIONS ARE MADE THEY ALWAYS DO SITE INVESTIGATIONS. THEY HAVE PHOTOS OF THE TRUCKS PARKED OUT ON THE STREET. BECAUSE OF THE NARROWNESS OF THE STREETS; NOT BEING BUILT TO THE STANDARDS OF COMMERCIAL

BUSINESSES, THEY WOULDN'T MEET REQUIREMENTS. THEY HAVE RECEIVED TWO LETTERS IN OPPOSITION FROM MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY. ELAINE BUIST LIVES IN THIS AREA. SHE SAYS THE NOISE AND SMELL IS TERRIBLE. THERE ARE LOTS OF CHILDREN AND FEARS FOR THEIR SAFETY THIS SHOULDN'T BE ALLOWED.

COMMISSIONER RAYMOND MOTIONED TO DENY REQUEST FOR CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR PARKING. COMMISSIONER STRINGER SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

RECESS FOR MUNICIPAL BUILDING AUTHORITY

COMMISSIONER STRINGER MADE THE MOTION TO RECESS FOR THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING AUTHORITY AND THEN TO RECONVENE BACK IN TO COMMISSION MEETING WHEN MBA BUSINESS IS COMPLETED. COMMISSIONER RAYMOND SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

PERMANENT COMMUNITY IMPACT FUND BOARD (CIB) PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FOR A NEW TERMINAL BUILDING AT THE AIRPORT. COMMISSIONER RAYMOND IS CHAIRMAN OF THIS MEETING. HEATHER HOYT ADDRESSED THE FUNDING FOR A NEW TERMINAL BUILDING AT THE AIRPORT. ONE OF THE PRIVILEGES IN UTAH COUNTY IS TO USE MINERAL LEASE MONEY FOR PROJECTS. OUR AIRPORT DOESN'T "SCREAM SUCCESS AND PROSPERITY". THERE WILL BE A \$4 MILLION GRANT AND A \$4 MILLION LOAN. THEY DON'T EXPECT TO USE ALL THAT MONEY. IT IS POSSIBLE WE COULD INCUR THE LOAN. COMMISSIONER RAYMOND STATED THAT THE TRANSPORTATION SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT WILL TAKE CARE OF MAINTENANCE, REPAIRS ETC. NO FUNDING WILL COME OUT OF THE GENERAL FUND FOR THIS FACILITY. THE TIMING IS GOOD TO DO THIS NOW. IT WILL BE BUILT TO FAA SPECIFICATIONS. IT IS NOT APPROVED FOR REFUND YET, BUT WE ARE OPTIMISTIC THAT FAA WILL REFUND A PORTION. ED ZURBUCHEN IS CONCERNED THAT CONGRESS WON'T FUND THIS PROJECT. COMMISSIONER MCKEE ADDRESSED HIS CONCERNS. THE CIB STAYS AWAY FROM MAKING PROJECTIONS AND WILL NOT SPEND MORE MONEY THAN IT HAS IN EACH TRIMESTER. THE CURRENT PROJECT WILL LENGTHEN THE RUNWAY AND WILL ACCOMMODATE SMALLER JETS. SKY WEST WAS GOING TO MAKE A PROPOSAL TO TAKE US TO DENVER, BUT THE CURRENT AIRPORT DOES NOT MEET THE STANDARDS FOR THEIR JET. ONCE AIRPORT IS COMPLETED, SKY WEST HAS GREAT INTEREST IN SERVING OUR COMMUNITY. ACTUAL PLANS ARE NOT SET YET, BUT THERE ARE GENERAL PARAMETERS. COMPLETION DATE IS NOT KNOWN. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT CONSTRUCTION WILL START IN THE FALL. LOAN MONEY MUST BE SPENT BEFORE GRANT MONEY. THE CURRENT FACILITY IS DATED AND HAS NO ROOM FOR TSA, ETC. THE NEW DESIGN WILL MEET REQUIREMENTS FOR TSA, BAGGAGE ETC. IT IS NOT JUST FOR COSMETIC REASONS. TSA INFORMED US THIS YEAR THAT WITHOUT A REMODEL WE WOULD LOSE OUR TSA CERTIFICATION. TSA IS AWARE THAT WE ARE PUTTING THIS APPLICATION FORWARD AND ALLOWING US TIME TO GET THE FACILITY BUILT. TRANSPORTATION IN AND OUT OF THE BASIN IS CRITICAL TO OUR ECONOMY. RAIL IS NOT FEESIBLE AT THIS POINT.

ADJOURN MBA AND RECONVENE COMMISSION MEETING

BOARD APPOINTMENTS: COMMISSIONER RAYMOND MOTIONED TO APPOINT RITCHIE ANDERSON TO SERVE AS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GRAZING PORTION OF OUR COMMUNITY TO SERVE ON PUBLIC LANDS COMMITTEE. COMMISSIONER STRINGER SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MISCELLANEOUS:

RICK HAWKINS REPRESENTS THE HONOR FLIGHT PROGRAM. THIS PROGRAM PICKS UP ALL WWII VETS AND KOREAN WAR VETS. THIS IS NOT FUNDED BY ANY ENTITY, ALL BY DONATIONS. HE IS ASKING FOR ASSISTANCE. THE BIGGEST SPONSOR IN UTAH IS KSL. THEY PICK UP THE VETERANS FOR FREE AND FLY THEM FIRST CLASS TO WASHINGTON D.C., PUT IN NICE HOTELS AND SHUTTLED BACK AND FORTH. EACH FLIGHT TAKES 100 VETERANS AND 100 GUARDIANS FOR A TOTAL OF 200. IN ADDITION TO THAT THEY NOW TAKE AN ENTIRE MEDICAL STAFF THAT STAYS FOR THE WHOLE TRIP. HE IS ASKING UTAH COUNTY TO HELP IN ANY WAY, SHAPE OR MEANS. BOX ELDER SPONSORED AN ENTIRE PLANE. ANYTHING THAT THE COUNTY COULD DO WOULD BE THOROUGHLY APPRECIATED. COMMISSIONER MCKEE NOTED THAT THIS WASN'T ON TODAY'S AGENDA. THE TIMING FOR THE

FUNDING IS CRITICAL. HAWKINS SAID THERE IS NO SET DATE FOR FUNDING. THIS IS NON PROFIT. ED ZURBUCHEN ASKED IF IT IS POSSIBLE TO SPONSOR A PERSON, AND HOW DO THEY PICK THE PEOPLE. THERE IS AN APPLICATION THAT MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO THE COMMITTEE WHO PICKS AND PLACES THEM. COMMISSIONER MCKEE WANTS TO GET BACK TO HAWKINS AFTER TAKING SOME TIME TO REVIEW THE ISSUE AND SEE WHAT THE COUNTY CAN DO.

ED ZURBUCHEN ASKED HOW THE LEGISLATURE IS TREATING THE COMMISSIONERS. COMMISSIONER MCKEE STATED THEY HOPE THE ISSUE ON CENTRALLY ASSESSED DOES NOT PASS. THE GAS TAX ISSUE-BILL AMENDED FROM \$0.10 TO \$0.06.

ADJOURN: MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:21 P.M.



MICHAEL MCKEE, CHAIR



MICHAEL W. WILKINS, CLERK-AUDITOR

